

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

During the update of the 2002-2006 Housing Element, the Town encouraged the participation of all economic segments of the community, especially lower-income and special needs households. A brief description of that process is included below:

1. Information to General Community

Public hearings on the draft 2002-2006 Housing Element were publicized with a display ad in the local newspaper, the "Los Gatos Weekly Times." Further, written information was posted at community meeting places including the Library, Town Hall and Neighborhood Center.

Copies of the draft Housing Element document were also made available at the community meeting places identified above. Further, the draft document was also posted on the Town's web site.

2. Information to Special Needs and Lower Income Households

The Town conducted an outreach effort to those non-profit groups that represented special need and lower income households in the community. Written notices regarding the public hearings were sent to the non-profit groups and representatives were invited to comment on the draft Housing Element document. In addition, an outreach effort was made to local churches and neighborhood groups. Finally, the Town's Community Services Commission was encouraged to respond and comment on the draft Housing Element also.

3. Public Comments/Responses to Draft Document

All public comments/responses to the draft Housing Element will be summarized and included in the final copy of the 2002-2006 Housing Element.

4. Public Review Time Line

May 8, 2002: General Plan Committee, Study Session on Draft Document

September 25, 2002: General Plan Committee , Review of Draft Document

October 9, 2002: Planning Commission Public Hearing

October 21, 2002: Town Council Public Hearing